13: Hodge & Taylor N, E-5 (1930-1956) 1957
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Solanum nigrum Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 186. 1753.
Common Nightshade. — Herbe Amere, Zeb Amere.

A weedy, cosmopolitan, annual, with a world-wide distribution. In Dominica this nightshade is very common on waste and cultivated grounds and especially on the sites of abandoned charcoal pits. It is regularly sold as a green in the native Creole markets (31, under name *S. nodiflorum*).

Herbe amere is also gathered and used by the Caribs as a potherb. [262]

Specimen citation: 3221.

Solanum torvum Swartz, Prodr. 47. 1788.
Batard Belongène.

A common coarse weedy shrub, found in waste places, throughout the subtropical and tropical regions of the world.

Batard belongène is sometimes used in Dominica as a root-stock on which to graft the common egg plant. The Caribs also utilize a piece of the root of this plant as an ingredient in a tea to cure « echauffement » (gonorrhea); the other ingredients in this tea include three of the four quarters of a quartered root (3" to 4" long and 2½" in diameter) of pak (an unidentified scandent mimosaceous plant, possibly *Mimosa casta* L. or *M. cerulovia* L. which occur in Dominica), seeds of white carapate (*Ricinus communis*), and a root of corossol sur (*Annona muricata*). [242] [278]

Specimen citation: 30 (T), 1164, 1799, 3349.

SCROPHULARIACEAE. Figwort Family.

Capraria biflora Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 628. 1753.
Goatweed. — Du Thé Pays (pronounce « di té peyi »).

A suffrutescent herb of waste and cultivated areas in subtropical and tropical America.

This species is listed as one of the economic plants of Puerto Rico (10) and in Venezuela it is used against diarrhea and other intestinal complaints (40).

The Caribs of Dominica employ the plant as an ingredient in [278]